

CSR-Initiative Launches BASESwiki 2.0

Online Dispute Resolution Website Becomes a Community Wiki

January 6th, 2010 (Cambridge) – BASES, or Business and Society Exploring Solutions, recently re-launched its online dispute resolution wiki, vastly improving upon the resources and usability of the website.

BASESwiki 2.0 is driven by a new set of community tools to facilitate a better user experience on the site. Noteworthy additions include:

- Fully searchable database of dispute mechanisms, resources, and case stories
- Seek Assistance tool to connect users with experienced contributors
- Content drill-down into clear and concise categories
- Improved methods for submitting information; recognition for top contributors
- Social media integration (Discussions, Event Calendar, User Profiles, Twitter, RSS)

The mission of BASESwiki is to develop a self-sustaining online community where stakeholders can share information, analysis, and learning about dispute resolution. The project is built on wiki-style contributions from a virtual network of individuals, companies, organizations, and groups who share an interest in dispute resolution.

First launched in October of 2008, BASESwiki was designed to diminish the information gap that can isolate those who find themselves in conflict from the tools and contacts they need to find constructive solutions to their disputes. Early in 2010, BASES will liaise with international partners in order to develop site resources in Spanish, Korean, French, Japanese, Chinese, and Russian.

BASESwiki is an initiative of the UN Secretary-General's Special Representative for Business and Human Rights, Prof. John Ruggie, and is being developed with the support of the International Bar Association, the Compliance Advisor/Ombudsman of the World Bank Group, the Open Society Institute and JAMS Foundation.

For more information, visit the BASES website at <http://www.baseswiki.org>

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